

## THREAT OF BIG TIE-UP LOOKED ON AS A BLUFF

Master Plumbers Do Not  
Believe Striking Men  
Can Win.

COMPROMISE OR QUIT.

Increase of Pay to \$5 a Day  
Opposed by Workmen in  
No. 480.

A threat made to-day by the Associated Building Trades of New York, of calling a strike of delegates to tie up the building trades in a strike involving 50,000 men in Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond, is looked upon by the employing contractors as a gigantic bluff. The strike threat accompanied a demand for increased wages made by a union of plumbers that is not recognized by the Building Trades Employers' Association.

The secretary of this association, Mr. Holmes, said to-day that he did not expect a strike. He threatened that if the labor leaders force a strike it will result in the disruption of their unions and the forcing of an open shop rule in building operations in this city.

"Certainly," said Mr. Holmes, "the demand is made by Plumbers' Union No. 2. We have an arbitration agreement with Plumbers' Union No. 62, and we intend to live up to it."

Claim Call Will Fail.

"Our information is that the leaders of the alleged strike movement are using the alleged Plumbers' Union No. 2 as a shield for a shake-down from the master plumbers. The men behind this belong to the old San Paolo, Paul, which is a union of grafters, and they have no actual influence."

The master plumbers are not worried. They say that nearly all the good workmen in Union No. 2 have deserted and gone to Union No. 480.

"If the leaders of Union No. 2 call a strike," said one of the master plumbers to-day, "there won't be anybody to answer the call."

The union leaders have determined that the time has come to make a stand for unionism, and a bitter contest between Plumbers' Union No. 2, which is affiliated with the regular union in the building trades, and Plumbers' Union No. 480, which is closely connected with the organization maintained by the employers, furnishes the opportunity. The regular union men characterize the members of No. 480 as "scabs."

Demand \$5 a Day.

Plumbers' Union No. 2 has demanded an increase in wages, \$4.75 a day to \$5 a day, to take effect immediately. No. 480 has not joined in the demand. Union No. 2 appealed to the Associated Building Trades of New York, an organization of the business agents of twenty-three unions in the building trades for assistance.

At a meeting held last night in Brevoort Hall, East Fifty-fourth street, the business agents, speaking for their unions, unanimously agreed to back up the demand of Union No. 2 for an increase in pay and to call strikes on business agents, plumbers, members of that union, may be employed. These unions were represented at the meeting: Blue Stone Cutters, Sheet-Metal Workers, Asphalt Workers, Tile Layers, Tile Layers' Helpers, Marble Cutters, Marble Cutters' Helpers, Machinists and Helpers, Steamfitters, Housemen and Bricklayers, Electrical Workers, Decorators, Painters, Engineers, Automobile Painters, Journeymen Stonecutters, Wood Carvers and Molders, Plasterers, Plasterers' Laborers, Riggers, Tar, Put and Waterproof Workers, United Cement Masons' Brotherhood and Amalgamated Association of Carpenters, Wire Workers, Lathers and Joiners No. 2.

Went 2400 Men Discharged.

John J. Powers, business agent of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, presided at the meeting. He said that the union of plumbers, Union No. 480, and that the so-called "scabs" be discharged. The Full Construction Company has hundreds of the members of No. 480 employed, and the committee to see this firm called early to-day and held a long conference. The result was not made public.

All of the unions involved have arbitration agreements with the Board of Building Trades, of No. 112 Broadway, which is the employers' organization. By the terms of these agreements neither employers nor unions are to declare a lockout or a strike until the question in dispute has been submitted to a Board of Arbitration.

Secretary of the Board of the Business Agents, asked to-day how they proposed to get around the arbitration agreements. "To blazes with all arbitration agreements," said the secretary. "The employers' union has violated the agreement by hiring non-union men. The arbitration agreement no longer exists."

"The question is," said James Johnson, business agent of the Housemen and Bricklayers' Union, "how long are the legitimate trades of this city going to be kept for the open shop?"

## SET THE SAIL AND SAIL!



When the blisters on your hands become unbearable it is time to give up row-boat and get a World's Water Catboat, Launch or Yacht. Besides, one can't hold hands and oars at the same time without great inconvenience. BESIDES, WORK AND RECREATION NEVER DID GO WELL TOGETHER.

## Bachelors: You Are Taxed \$5 Each for Being Single. Girls: Collect the Tax and Help the Sick Babies



What Tragic  
Dilemma  
Will  
Do

The Evening World to-day orders a tax on all bachelors in and around Greater New York.

And it authorizes The Evening World's young women readers to collect this tax.

The rate per "bach" to be the cost of maintaining at Sea Breeze for one week an ailing baby or growing child and its mother.

Fulton Cutting says "a fading baby and little mother of ten can be kept at Sea Breeze for a week for \$5."

This is a fair tax on the men of the community who live in single blessedness and leaves to the rest of mankind the task of preventing the human race from going to smash.

TAX FIXED AT \$5.

The summer tax therefore on each bachelor is \$5. So ordered by The Evening World.

## Stars to Aid Mr. Erbe in Sick Babies' Benefit

The mammoth benefit to be tendered The Evening World Sick Babies' Fund by big-hearted Fred Erbe at his North Beach Casino next Friday is assuming proportions which proclaim it not only one of the foremost charitable, but also artistic, events of the year.

A splendid all-star vaudeville program has been arranged, the most celebrated actors having volunteered their services in behalf of The Evening World's great charity.

For ten years Mr. Erbe has given the babies an annual benefit, the proceeds amounting to more than \$100,000. Thanks to these donations, countless poor, ailing children condemned to spend the hot months in stuffy, ill-ventilated tenements and malodorous, narrow streets have been restored to health.



Dottie Dale

Mr. Erbe's famous Casino is North Beach's star resort for people who would enjoy a delightful day's outing, and the nature of the program provided for this year's benefit assures a record attendance, as well as a record performance for Friday.

## HOW BABY SHOULD BE DRESSED.

Are you clothing your baby properly? Is he dressed so that there is no restraint of the movements of the legs and arms, chest and abdomen? Is he dressed in soft, non-irritating materials? No tight abdominal bands should be worn by a baby more than a month old. After that time a knitted band with shoulder straps should be substituted. A light flannel petticoat, supported by shoulder straps, should be worn. This, with a light, knitted long-sleeved shirt and a thin slip, is all that a baby needs, these days.

If your baby becomes seriously ill do not dilapidally summon at once your family physician if you have one. If this is not possible, The Evening World will send you immediate assistance within one hour after the notification of your need reaches us. Address: SICK BABY, New York Evening World, Pulitzer Building, Park Row.

Or phone to 348-Gramercy, Society for Improving Condition of Poor, or to 4900-Columbus, Health Department.

And it should be collected as often as the bachelor is able to pay. It will give the bachelor a chance to do some good in the world. The baby whose life he helps to save may grow up to be a great statesman, a wonderful scientist, a man of genius—perhaps to be President of the United States.

The young woman who collects the tax will be doing equal good, and perhaps she will add to the value and glory of her work by winning the bachelor over to the matrimonial ranks.

The Evening World does not authorize promiscuous collections by young women from bachelors. It simply makes the young woman reader who knows a bachelor or two its agent to collect the bachelor tax from him or them. The name of the donor should be forwarded to The Evening World for publication. Only initials will be printed if desired.

## LOOK OUT FOR FRAUDS.

Bachelors should pay no attention to collectors they do not know, and collectors should not exact the tax from bachelors they do not know, as they may be taken for frauds.

Magistrate Luke R. Connorton says "To be single is a blessing. Bachelors may not agree with him. They may stick to the illusion of single blessedness."

No matter what they think, they enjoy a singular position in the community, free from all the trammels of matter, and The Evening World proposes that they shall pay for it.

## Mothers Advised Not to Nurse Babies Too Long

BY MRS. H. INGRAHAM, Superintendent of Relief Work of the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

When I see the age of nursing babies that women bring into our office I wonder that a mother could be guilty of such criminal ignorance. I have seen many and many a child of seven or eight months, and some as old as two years, that have not been weaned.

The proper age at which a baby should be weaned is one year—little earlier if possible at ten or eleven months. But it depends upon the season and the condition of the child. If the first birthday falls in the middle

of the summer it is sometimes better to nurse the children into cooler weather. A child nursed much more than one year cannot be properly nourished. The bones become soft and the muscles weak and the child loses vitality.

Many poor mothers postpone weaning time through a false idea of economy. They dread putting the extra plate at the scanty table. They believe that what they eat for themselves feeds two and leaves more for the other members of the family.

Whereas, both mother and nursing child suffer. The mother's health declines and the baby fails to thrive for lack of proper food.

## 1,500 Children to Sail on First Evening World's Trip.

BY RUTH EARLE  
As the heat and suffering increase The Evening World's efforts to save New York's sick babies.

In addition to our daily printed instructions to mothers and our guarantee to answer emergency calls to attend sick babies, we have put in operation this season's plans for the relief work maintained by The Evening World Sick Babies' Fund.

This fund has been in existence sixteen years. It is sustained by voluntary contributions. For years the sick babies' friends have been holding fairs and reaching down in their pockets for subscriptions to aid in the work of decreasing sickness and death among our infant population.

The fund supports a summer staff of free physicians, who do active mission work through the crowded tenement districts. The head doctor organized his staff yesterday and started them out in a house-to-house canvass in their several districts.

Every physician goes through the tenements in his district from cellar to roof, searching out and treating the sick babies, supplying medicines and food in cases where special diet is required. He instructs the mothers in the care of their youngsters and the prevention of disease. In serious surgical cases he arranges for the patient in the proper hospital.

20,000 Babies Treated.  
The benefits of this work are almost incalculable. It is computed that these doctors successfully treat 20,000 babies a season. They reach babies whose mothers are too poor to call in a family doctor; they help mothers to prevent sickness; and their educational work in instructing ignorant mothers is second to none.

The Sick Babies' Fund will likewise be applied to Evening World's excursions for sick babies. We have arranged with St. John's Guild for their model floating hospital and staff to make several health trips for sick babies and their mothers.

The first Evening World excursion takes place this Saturday. It is planned to take 1,500 mothers and babies for an

all-day sail to the Guild's seaside hospital at New York and back again. The boat leaves the pier at the foot of East Twenty-fourth street at 8 o'clock. Ticket Third Street at \$3.00 and Market Street at \$5.00. The return tickets will be made between 5.00 and 6.00.

The excursion tickets are being distributed by agents of the St. John's Guild, and at the three landing places the excursionists will be met by the Guild's staff. The excursionists are also supplied with tickets.

Tickets Easy to Get.  
Any mother who does not get a ticket before Saturday can obtain one at any of the three landing places the excursion morning. There is no red tape operation to shut mothers and babies out of their baby and a receipt to hold milk. A hot luncheon is served at midday. Milk prepared according to the doctors' orders is supplied to the babies at correct intervals. Pure milk is served to all hands in the morning and afternoon.

The sick babies are cared for in the two hospital wards by trained nurses. The doctors will make a complete round of the decks morning and afternoon to prescribe for the other children.

In the bathroom mothers of attention given the babies salt water and medical baths.

Mrs. Carleton Montgomery, of St. John's Guild, said that these Evening World excursions, like those of the past, will prove a boon to 1,500 suffering babies and their worn mothers. She added:

"Any one who has been on one of these trips, to see the little ones that come aboard packed and drawn going ashore with healthy color in their cheeks, wouldn't need to be told the value of such an enterprise."

"One day's excursion works wonders for the babies and their mothers."

"The Health Department has given its stamp of approval by issuing tickets for the excursion and sending out 50,000 circulars urging people to take advantage of the trips."

"There is nothing like such an excursion for giving tremendous benefit in one day."

Join The Evening World's health crusade. Preach the dogma of cleanliness—clean air, clean food, clean babies. Practice it on your own baby. Ask to practice it on your neighbor's. Do your part in cutting down the fearful summer mortality among young children.

## NEAR DEATH BY LIGHTNING ON RACING YACHT

W. Butler Duncan and G. N. Cormack Had Narrow Escape.

That W. Butler Duncan, Jr., society man and member of New York's most exclusive clubs, and George N. Cormack, secretary of the New York Yacht Club, were near to death yesterday, when a bolt of lightning struck Mr. Duncan's trail little craft the Dahinda, was admitted by Mr. Cormack when seen at the New York Yacht Club to-day. A member of the club said Mr. Duncan was at his country home in an extremely nervous condition.

The Dahinda was in the race at Glen Cove yesterday for the House Committee's Cup of the New York Yacht Club. Mr. Duncan sailed his fleet thirty-footer himself. The Dahinda had nearly finished the first eight miles of the course and was several lengths in the lead when the storm broke. Mr. Cormack thus describes his thrilling experience:

"When Mr. Duncan and I started out the sky was threatening, but we thought we would be able to finish the race before the storm came. Just as we were finishing the first round the sky became as black as night. We could hardly see two feet ahead of us. But we were in the lead and Mr. Duncan said, 'Cormack, we must win this race, storm or no storm.' So I said: 'Then the lightning came.'"

"It seemed to light up the whole body of water, and was a magnificent sight. I didn't lose my nerve."

"We were both near the mainmast when a terrible bolt of lightning struck the top of the mast. For a minute I was stunned. The whole boat seemed on fire. A great line of fire came down the big pole and a hole was torn in our mainmast. The boat rocked to and fro, and I thought we were lost. I called to Mr. Duncan, and for fully a minute he did not answer me. I thought he was dead, and I called again, 'Cormack, I am all right, but it was mighty close. We must win the race.'"

"The whole thing only lasted a minute, but I tell you it was an experience I shall not soon forget. It was the closest call to death I have ever had. I want to say that Mr. Duncan did a wonderful bit of work. It was perfectly marvelous the way he brought that boat around with a wind blowing at a terrific rate, and kept her to the course. He never lost his nerve for a minute. I cannot understand how it was that the lightning struck us. It was really a miraculous escape from death."

"We would probably have won the race, had Mr. Duncan not misconstrued the orders of the House Committee. He believed the course of fifteen miles to be covered but once, and after passing the committee boat, at the end of the race, he turned and sailed clear of the luffing around the mark, as the other contestants did."

Lost Race by Error.

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## WHITE SLAVE HELD BY POLICE TAKES POISON

Rosie Cohen, Sold for \$25, Near Death at House of Detention.

In what looks like a plain attempt to commit suicide, though the police say accident, Rosie Cohen, the seventeen-year-old white slave who was sold for \$25, swallowed ten poisonous tablets at the House of Detention this afternoon. The girl has a chance of recovery.

The upshot of the affair is the discovery that at the House of Detention there is no matron, and the women inmates held there are guarded only by policemen.

The Cohen girl's story was one of the most revolting that has come to the ears of the police. Two of the persons alleged to have enslaved her are in the town awaiting trial. The discovery of her fate was made four weeks ago when she broke away from a mah in Harlem and ran to a policeman. She said the man had just purchased her at auction and paid \$25 for her. He escaped, but the police arrested a man and a woman who, the girl said, had her a prisoner in a den on Second avenue.

The Cohen girl, held as a witness, was taken to the House of Detention next door to the Mulberry street station. There were three other women prisoners there. The girl said she was suffering from carache for a week, and at a dispensary on Elm street she was given tablets to dissolve and use, and was warned they were poisonous. To-day she dissolved three tablets in water, secured and drank the mixture. The girl was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

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